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SUBJECT:SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROBLEM IN THE UN SECURITY
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REF: A) STATE 78795 (NOTAL); B) USUN 1235; C) STATE 78799

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POINTS IN REF C AND IN PARA 2, REF A.

2. EMBASSY WILL NOTE REPORT PARA 4 REF B OF NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN'S CONTINUING EFFORTS IN NEW YORK TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL ACTION ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ISSUE. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK, HARRIMAN HAS STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FRENCH AND OTHERS HE HAS A MUCH CLEARER PICTURE OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF ISSUE

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